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Box *NON-FEE AMENDMENT*

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated 06/07/99 enclosed herewith is a copy of the sequence listing together with a diskette, onto which the sequence listing was copied using the PatentIn ver. 2.0 program which was obtained from the Patent Office. It is noted however that the PatentIn program as received from the Patent Office, although accepting the inputs and also indicating that the inputs are present, has no retrieval function, which would permit our computers to retrieve the inputted information. It is hoped that the Patent Office computers can retrieve the information inputted with their own program.

I have called at various times the help line supplied with the PatentIn program but have reached only the answering service, which has never returned my call.

The matter was discussed with Applicant during my recent visit in Germany. Applicant has had problems with the computer listing also in the corresponding German and Europ. Applications. However, in both cases, the Patent Offices prepared themselves acceptable computer listings, of which Applicant had no computer readable copies. In both cases the patents were allowed with the listings prepared by the respective offices.

At this point, I have a computer expert checking out the PatentIn program, to determine whether we are making a mistake or the program is defective or whether only the Patent Office is supposed to be able to read the information imputed into the PatentIn program. Also I will attend, together with an associate, the Open House presentation in the Patent Office, August 24-25, particularly the scheduled "demonstrations of automation tools including PatentIn" hoping that, at that time, I will be able to obtain answers to my questions. In the meantime, I must assume that the Patent Office computers can read the information supplied on the accompanying diskette imputed using the PatentIn ver. 2.0 program (Beta version) supplied by the Patent Office.

Respectfully submitted,

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